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Argeo Paul Cellucci
Governor

Kathleen M. O'Toole
Secretary

1997 Highlights

January

6 Secretary of Public Safety Kathleen M. O'Toole, Environmental Affairs Secretary Trudy Coxe and Fire Marshal Steve Coan announce the deployment of 15 state-of-the-art Hazardous Materials Response Vehicles to local fire departments throughout Massachusetts.

February

15 The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, and the Aureet Memorial Foundation, in conjunction with the U.S. Army Natick Institute of Research and Environmental Medicine, co-sponsor a conference on Cold Water Ice Rescue. The conference educates first responders to the effects of cold water submersion and rescue techniques. Participants include first responder personnel representing fire services, law enforcement, and emergency medical technicians.

March

31 The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS), through the Department of Fire Services, engages in strategic planning to prepare the Commonwealth's response to acts, or threats of acts, of terrorism.

April

1 The April Fool's Blizzard blankets Massachusetts with accumulations ranging from 24 inches to 3 feet of snow. This storm causes 209,000 power outages statewide, the opening of 8 shelters, and 20 Emergency declarations. Massachusetts emerges from a state of emergency after only 30 hours, the result of a coordinated, effective disaster response. The storm is recorded as the third largest snow event in the history of the Commonwealth.

16 Governor Cellucci and Secretary O'Toole announce the opening of 300 medium security prison beds at the Department of Correction (DOC) Bridgewater Complex. The new facility is designed to relieve prison overcrowding in DOC prisons, which at the time were at 150 percent of design capacity.

16 Governor Cellucci and Secretary O'Toole announce the awarding of \$1.54 million in CJIS Systems Improvement Grants to 208 local police departments.

21 The Executive Office of Public Safety coordinates state, local and federal public safety agencies and private sector entities from Hopkinton to Boston, ensuring the safety of the runners and spectators of the 101st Running of the Boston Marathon.

23 Governor Cellucci and Secretary O'Toole present the 1997 Violence Against Women Act awards, totaling \$4.5 million, to 132 domestic violence programs throughout Massachusetts. Grant presentations are preceded by the theatrical performance "The Yellow Dress" which addresses the issue of teen dating violence.

24 Secretary O'Toole and Attorney General Scott Harshbarger announce the formation of a High Tech Crime Unit, a joint effort between the Executive Office of Public Safety and the Attorney General's Office. The Unit's mission is to coordinate local, state and federal law enforcement in combating the staggering increase in crime directed at the high tech industry, as well as, a variety of crimes being conducted through the use of computers.

May

8 Governor Cellucci and Secretary O'Toole release the preliminary statewide crime statistics for 1996.

14 Secretary O'Toole announces that the Executive Office of Public Safety will allocate \$1 million in federally appropriated Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Funds to 20 Massachusetts communities to develop pilot "Cops and Kids" programs.

15 Secretary O'Toole, with Essex County District Attorney Kevin Burke, Newburyport officials, and local and regional police departments, announces an \$80,000 Youthful Offender Program targeting alcohol and drug users. This program is open to first offenders, ages 17-21 who commit minor alcohol or drug related offenses. Young offenders are given the option of participating in an educational and community service program rather than having the case proceed through the court system.

June

6 Governor Cellucci and Secretary O'Toole hold the 14th Annual George L. Hanna Memorial Awards for Bravery ceremony. Eighteen law enforcement professionals from across the Commonwealth are honored for outstanding acts of heroism and bravery at this annual State House ceremony.

13 Governor Cellucci and Secretary O'Toole announce funding allowing more than 4,300 young students to attend D.A.R.E. Summer Day Programs for free. They host the premiere of "Hot Fun in the Summertime," a video highlighting 1996 D.A.R.E. Summer Day Programs, and announce the awarding of 16 grants totaling \$450,000 for D.A.R.E. Summer Day Programs to District Attorneys throughout Massachusetts.

July

10 Secretary O'Toole announces the launching of a public information campaign to alert Massachusetts residents to the 911 emergency number now available in all 351 communities. A public service announcement featuring Secretary O'Toole is released describing a new Enhanced 911 system which immediately connects the caller to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).

20-21 The Executive Office of Public Safety assists Marblehead officials with the planning and coordination of the USS Constitution's historic sail. EOPS provides assistance to the town by providing support for public safety personnel from a variety of Public Safety agencies, including the Massachusetts State Police.

24 Secretary O'Toole announces an award of \$178,000 from the Executive Office of Public Safety to the Hampden County District Attorney's Office for the Hampden County Adopt-A-School program. This program educates Massachusetts youth about the criminal justice system.

31 Announcement by the Executive Office of Public Safety of the first \$1 million of an eventual \$5 million in State funding for the construction of a new police station in Haverhill.

From the Secretary

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ARGEO PAUL CELLUCCI, GOVERNOR

KATHLEEN M. O'TOOLE, SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY



Welcome! It is my pleasure to introduce you to the Executive Office of Public Safety — a diverse and exciting Secretariat. With oversight of twenty agencies ranging from the State Police and the Department of Fire Services to the Architectural Access Board and the Department of Correction, our mission of protecting the people of this Commonwealth is accomplished in a variety of ways.

At the Executive Office of Public Safety, we do much more than lock up criminals, hand out speeding tickets and enforce building codes. We also grant millions of dollars each year to local police departments to administer violence prevention programs, provide effective, coordinated response to major emergencies such as blizzards, floods, and threats of terrorism, and champion the use of advanced technology to improve the efficiency of the criminal justice system. While we are continuously prepared to respond effectively to crimes and emergencies, we are also implementing innovative strategies that prevent tragedies before they occur.

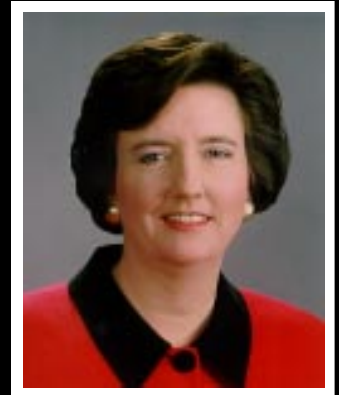
Since 1992, Massachusetts has become a safer place in which to live and work. The crime rate has been steadily declining, as communities take back their streets. While no one agency or department is solely responsible for this decline, each of us, public safety employees and private citizens alike, have reason to feel proud. The growing commitment to community policing throughout Massachusetts, combined with increased collaboration among public safety entities on all levels, has contributed greatly to the improved quality of life enjoyed by Massachusetts' residents.

The following pages illustrate the Executive Office of Public Safety's contribution to making the neighborhoods and communities of Massachusetts safe. Our success to date is the product of teamwork and dedication by talented and committed employees, both civilian and uniformed, in all ranks and in all agencies of the Public Safety Secretariat. We have achieved unprecedented levels of cooperation within the Secretariat and with our local, state, federal, and private sector partners. Together, we are making Massachusetts a safer and more enjoyable place for all of its citizens and visitors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen M. O'Toole".

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Secretary of Public Safety



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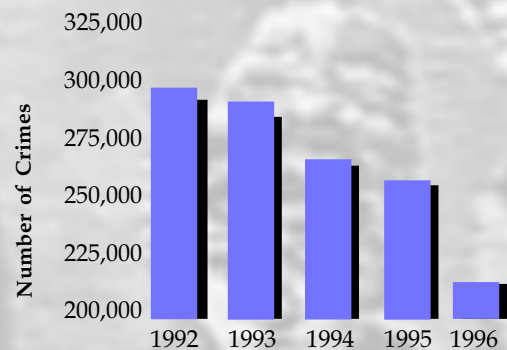
Crime in Massachusetts

On May 8, 1997, Governor Argeo Paul Cellucci and Secretary of Public Safety Kathleen M. O'Toole released the preliminary statewide crime statistics for 1996. Every category of crime in 1996 dropped statewide, and total crimes fell by a total of 9 percent over the prior year.

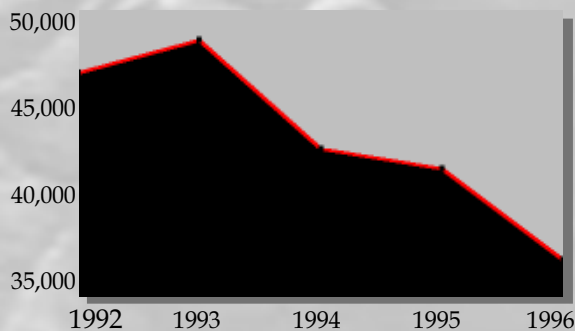
Overall crime is down 27.4% from 1992

- Since 1992, total overall crime has declined every year
- 20.8% decline in violent crime
- 28.6% decline in property crime

**Total Crime in Massachusetts
1992-1996**



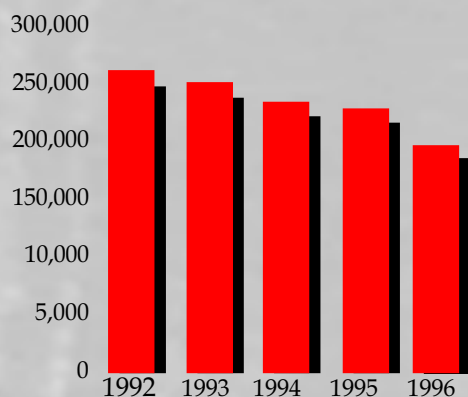
**Violent Crime in Massachusetts
1992-1996**



Overall Violent Crime is down 4.6% from 1995

- 26.9% decline in murder
- 10.8% decline in robbery
- 2.7% decline in aggravated assault
- .7% decline in rape

**Property Crimes in Massachusetts
1992-1996**



Overall property crime is down 9.9% from 1995

- 12.9% decline in burglary
- 8.4% decline in larceny
- 8.2% decline in motor vehicle theft

Purpose Areas

“Although we must be prepared to respond effectively to crimes and emergencies, our preference is to prevent tragedies before they occur.

With an eye on the future, the Executive Office of Public Safety concentrates on five areas that further enhance the services we provide.”

- Violence Prevention
- Partnerships
- Training
- Technology
- Re-engineering

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Violence Prevention

Prevention Programs

"Statewide violent crime statistics continue to decline due to a number of factors, including aggressive community policing strategies targeting crime, fear and disorder throughout our cities and towns.

Domestic violence and youth violence trends, however, remain alarming. Therefore, the Executive Office of Public Safety will continue to focus its efforts on developing, supporting and implementing creative enforcement, education and prevention programs to significantly reduce violence in these two areas."

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Drug Abuse Resistance Education

Since 1993, the Massachusetts D.A.R.E. program has been providing students in all grades with the necessary techniques and decision-making skills to resist peer pressure to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. The D.A.R.E. program enables kids to build friendships, enhances self-esteem, and offers them viable alternatives to drug use and violence. Future D.A.R.E. programs will emphasize conflict resolution and media literacy. With \$4.3 million in current funding, the D.A.R.E. program has grown to include 293 cities and towns.

D.A.R.E. Funding History FY94-FY98

Fiscal Year	Award Amount	Participating Communities
FY94	\$5,000,000	205
FY95	\$5,000,000	240
FY96	\$5,000,000	269
FY97	\$4,314,662	284
FY98	\$4,314,662	293
Total	\$23,629,324	



D.A.R.E. Summer Day Program

In a recent expansion of the D.A.R.E. grant program, the Executive Office of Public Safety now administers the D.A.R.E. Summer Day Program. This summer program utilizes educational and recreational opportunities during the summer school recess to reinforce the D.A.R.E. message introduced during the school year. By its third year, D.A.R.E. Summer Day Programs were being held in 16 locations, and had reached nearly 11,000 students.



Domestic Violence

Since 1995, the Executive Office of Public Safety has distributed \$8.8 million in Federal Violence Against Women Act (V.A.W.A.) grants to support anti-domestic violence efforts in Massachusetts.

The V.A.W.A. awards are made in the areas of law enforcement, prosecution, victim services, and others (courts, batterer programs, and non-profit medical care providers.)

Innovative domestic violence programs include:



a revision of the Uniform Guidelines for Law Enforcement's Response to Domestic Violence, a standardized incident reporting form for police departments, and a public/private sector

partnership with Bell Atlantic Mobile to provide wireless phones, pre-programmed to dial 911, to domestic violence victims.



Cops and Kids

The "Cops and Kids" anti-drug and anti-violence program specifically targets youth in grades six through eight during the at-risk, after school hours of 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. In its first year of implementation, \$1 million dollars in grants were provided to 20 pilot communities for the development of innovative, comprehensive programs that would best fit the needs of their youth. "Cops and Kids" not only addresses the critical after school hours when the incidence of youth crime is highest, but also targets the problem of truancy during school hours.



Governor's Alliance Against Drugs

The Massachusetts Governor's Alliance Against Drugs distributes "mini-grants" of \$5,000-\$30,000, totaling \$1.2 million, to community-based programs like teen resource centers and dating violence programs. Among these programs receiving funding is the Martial Arts Mentoring Program which targets at-risk youth in four urban areas during after school hours.



Partnerships

Partnerships

"Today, there exists an unprecedented level of cooperation in Massachusetts between local, county, state and federal public safety agencies, as well as with private industry and the citizens of the Commonwealth. We have broken down barriers and started pooling resources and sharing ideas. Many of our successes within the Executive Office of Public Safety have been a product of this teamwork."

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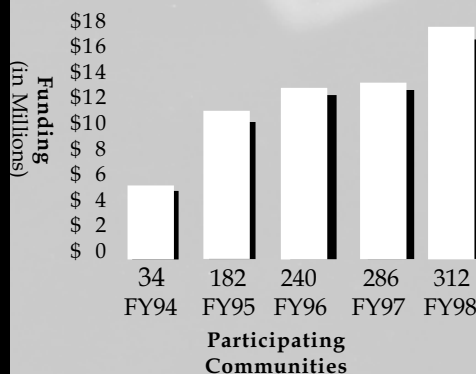
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Officers in the Community

Community Policing encourages the creation and development of innovative approaches to police work, often involving direct interaction between the patrol officer and the citizens of the community. These approaches, and others like them, allow police departments to work in concert with their communities to address crime, fear of crime and quality of life issues.

Level of Community Involvement, by Fiscal Year



Community Policing

The essence of community policing is partnership. Community policing is an integral part of combating crime and improving the quality of life in Massachusetts. It is based upon the belief that police officers and private citizens working together can help solve community problems related to crime, fear of crime and quality of life issues. Community policing requires greater citizen responsibility and provides opportunities for citizens to contribute individually and collectively to public safety within their community.



Popular Community Policing Programs

# of communities with:	
Bike Patrols	206
Park & Walk Patrols	194
Foot Patrols	193
Child Photo ID Programs	193
Neighborhood Watch Groups	170
Youth Recreation Programs	164
Youth Violence Prevention Programs	137
Citizen Police Academies	124



MassNETS

The Governor's Highway Safety Bureau developed the Massachusetts Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (MassNETS) program. MassNETS is a partnership between the Commonwealth and local businesses, organizations and municipalities dedicated to reducing traffic crashes, which are a primary cause of lost work time and employee fatalities.

MassNETS provides resources such as employee awareness materials, access to traffic safety seminars, quarterly safety campaigns, and technical assistance from a program coordinator. With 18 corporate partners, MassNETS has reached over 25,000 employees throughout the state.

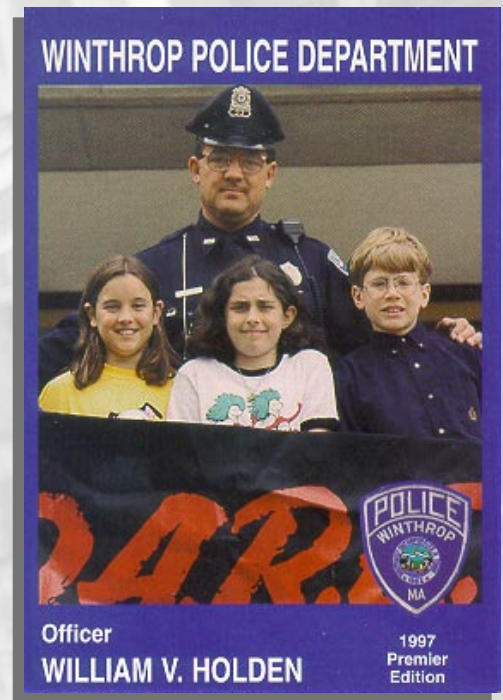
Chief Medical Examiner/ UMass Medical Center

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) has continued to pursue partnerships that strengthen its operation and provide mutual benefits to the organizations and individuals with whom they interact. The effort to re-establish a medical examiner operation in Worcester was realized in 1997. By working with the Chancellor's office, the OCME has established partnerships on many levels with the UMASS Medical School.



These initiatives will provide the convenience and accessibility sought by law enforcement, funeral services, and elected officials, while also ensuring that forensic services are not diminished by diluting precious resources.

An added benefit to families and investigators comes by virtue of OCME's agreement with the Massachusetts State Police to transfer toxicology testing to the University's Drug Concentration Lab. This arrangement promises to reduce the turnaround time on cases. By transferring this operation to the UMASS Medical Center, the State Police gain the critical space at the new Crime Lab necessary to build the Commonwealth's first forensic DNA laboratory.



Public/Private Partnerships

The "Cop Cards" program is one example of a successful public /private sector partnership. A joint effort among a local police department, area businesses, and a trading card company, "Cop Cards" are patterned after baseball cards, but instead feature the men and women of a local police department. The back of each officer's card also contains a personal message from that officer to the children, such as 'Stay in school and be a leader' or 'Be smart, don't use dope.'



Training

Training

"The Executive Office of Public Safety implements many progressive training initiatives throughout the Public Safety Secretariat. We are committed to providing our employees, and those who access our educational programs, with the most advanced training opportunities available.

Whether it be a police academy, hazardous material response training, ice water rescue, or anti-terrorism programs, advanced training is essential to Public Safety's success in the prevention, preparation, and response to emergencies."

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Recruit Curriculum

The Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council has adopted an entirely new curriculum for recruit police officers. This new curriculum, revised for the first time since 1978, incorporates values, integrity, problem-solving and decision-making in addition to physical training. Community policing is now the foundation for all classes taught in the Academy. Similar revisions of the In-Service Training curriculum and the Field Training Officer Programs are currently underway.



Emergency Management Training

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) trains thousands of public safety personnel across the Commonwealth each year. These trainings involve vital public safety concerns such as terrorism awareness, incident command, ice water rescue, hazardous material training and emergency management.

MEMA works in partnership with a variety of public safety agencies, such as the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services and the Massachusetts State Police to conduct these trainings.





Correctional Officer of the Year Awards

In recognition of the dedication and professionalism of correction officers throughout the state, the Executive Office of Public Safety instituted the Annual Correction Officer of the Year Awards. The first Annual Ceremony was held at the State House on December 12, 1997. Governor Cellucci and Secretary O'Toole presented awards to twelve correction officers from state and county facilities.



Massachusetts Firefighting Academy

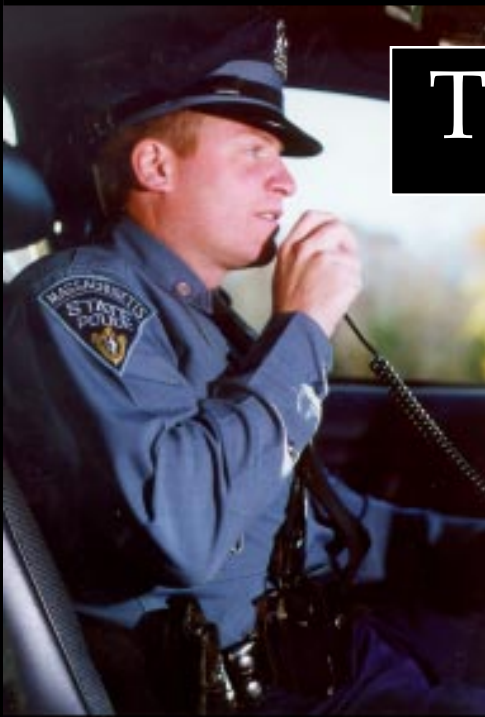
The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (MFA) provides training to fire service personnel of the cities, towns and fire districts of the Commonwealth, as well as to appropriate public and private sector organizations. Training programs are provided tuition free to all ranks of firefighters, from entry-level personnel to chief officers. All volunteer, call, and full-time firefighters are eligible to attend MFA training programs, which are conducted daily at the Firefighting Academy headquarters in Stow and at various municipal and county training sites throughout the Commonwealth.



Massachusetts National Guard

Massachusetts National Guard members from the 181st Engineer Battalion Milford performed three weeks of training in San Diego to support a multi-service task force mission called Operation OTAY 97. The operation is aimed at improving roadways along the U.S./ Mexican border used by the U.S. Border Patrol.

Technology



Technology

"The Executive Office of Public Safety will continue its efforts to improve technological capabilities within the Public Safety Secretariat and between public safety agencies on the local, county, state and federal levels.

Advancements in information technology have led to enhanced public safety and greater law enforcement efficiency through instant access to critical information, data matching and sharing, and crime mapping and analysis."

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World Wide Web

The Executive Office of Public Safety was one of the first Massachusetts agencies to utilize the new technology of the Internet, launching the EOPS World Wide Web Site in 1995. Citizens of the Commonwealth can now access information about EOPS programs, events, and agencies, as well as connect to other state government and public safety sites. By 1997, 13 of the 20 agencies of the Secretariat had established a presence on the World Wide Web.

In 1997, EOPS took this technology one step further by implementing Online Grant applications. Through the EOPS Programs Division Website, local police departments can now download and submit EOPS Grant applications electronically, via the Internet.

In 1997 alone, the EOPS Web Site received 27,550 visitors.

The EOPS Home Page is located at
<http://www.state.ma.us/eops>



E911

The Statewide Enhanced 911 System now provides more than six million residents of the Commonwealth with access to this advanced public safety communications system. Massachusetts is now home to the most municipality-based Enhanced 911 system in the country.

Domestic Violence - "209A" Registry

In 1992, the Massachusetts Department of Probation and the Executive Office of Public Safety developed and implemented the first-in-the-nation Registry of Civil Restraining Orders.

This electronic domestic violence database provides judicial and law enforcement personnel with immediate access to a centralized listing of civil restraining orders.

In Massachusetts, requests for restraining orders are filed approximately once every two minutes during the hours of court operation. With more than 145,000 orders entered between 1992 and 1995, this database has become a unique research tool for the study of domestic violence.



Real-Time Information

The Commonwealth's "Single Inquiry System" is a totally integrated criminal justice information system managed by the Criminal History Systems Board. The system links police, probation, parole, corrections and court records with administrators and line personnel from local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

The "Single Inquiry System" provides law enforcement with the most important tool on the street - information. Officers in the field are now given instant access to information that before was stored in paper files and only accessible during regular business hours.

Data that an officer can access includes:

- Outstanding warrants
- Restraining orders
- Probation, parole, and correction status
- Court records
- D.U.I. arrests
- Sex offender status
- Firearms registration

Warrant Management System

The Criminal History Systems Board and the Massachusetts Trial Court have developed the first-in-the-nation fully electronic Warrant Management System. The Trial Court is now able to enter criminal arrest warrants into an automated tracking system, and to provide up-to-the-minute warrant information to all law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth via the CJIS network.

This system has improved the safety of law enforcement officers, increased the number of criminals returned to the courts, and improved accuracy of data to protect the rights of our citizens.



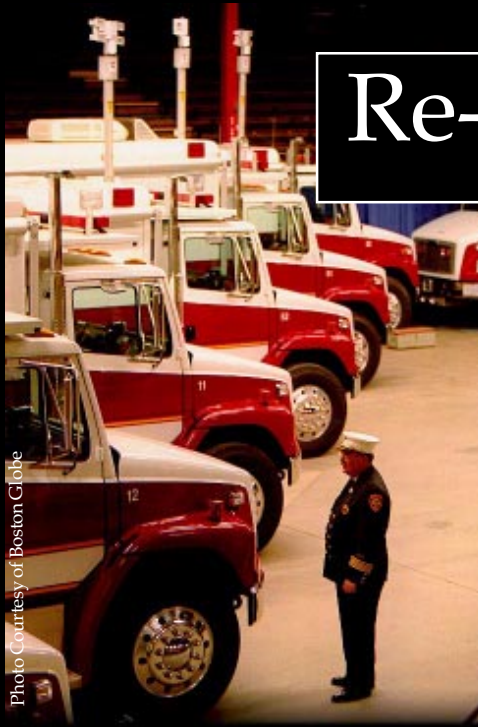
Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Data Transfer Project

The Executive Office of Public Safety has begun the process of providing all eligible local police departments in Massachusetts with computer equipment to allow data to be electronically transmitted between the police department and the Criminal History Systems Board.

Under the CJIS program, each department is provided with a Pentium based micro-computer, associated software, a Frame Relay TCP/IP capable router, and associated modem. This equipment is linked to a new high speed network at the CHSB.

Re-engineering

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Re-Engineering

"The Executive Office of Public Safety is committed to re-engineering business practices to further enhance the efficient, cost-effective functioning of the Secretariat. This consists of streamlining Public Safety functions, adopting a customer service approach to the services we provide, and reorganizing public safety agencies to make services more efficient and accessible."

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Police Accreditation

The Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission has established a program of professional standards for law enforcement officers and agencies. The goals of accreditation are to better educate officers, define a code of ethics and values, and to provide specific guidance in critical areas of law enforcement. This voluntary program is open to all state, county, municipal and campus police forces.



Firearm License Imaging Project

Under the Firearms License Imaging Project, more than 700,000 firearm sales records dating back to 1985 have been digitized, and an automated index has been created. As a result, firearms can now be traced in a matter of seconds, when in the past, weeks were required. Massachusetts is also one of the first two states to participate in the ATF National Firearms Tracing Program. These developments represent a great leap forward in the ability of law enforcement to trace guns recovered from crime scenes.



License Express

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is responsible for licensing 4.7 million drivers and processing 4.3 million registrations within the Commonwealth. To process these transactions, the RMV has introduced several innovative options for customers, including: the RMV's nationally recognized "Express Lane" Web site, which receives an estimated 5,000-6,000 visitors each month; and the RMV Telephone Center, which processes 10,000 calls a day, allowing drivers to renew registrations, duplicate licenses, pay citations, etc., with only a credit card. The RMV also operates 9 "License Express" locations and 4 extended-hour branches throughout the state, in addition to 25 full and limited service branches.



Hazardous Materials Response

The Department of Fire Services Hazardous Materials Response Unit has adopted standardized operating guidelines, and replaced its aging fleet of hazardous materials response trucks with 6 new technical operations vehicles and 9 operational response units.

1997 Highlights

August

1 Governor Cellucci, joined by Secretary O'Toole, signs an Executive Order mandating that state employees who batter their spouses, companions, or children face strict disciplinary measures. Governor Cellucci also orders that unemployment benefits be automatically provided to any victim of domestic violence forced to leave a job to avoid their batterer. The Executive Order establishes a zero tolerance policy for state employees who commit domestic violence, while setting the standard for private employers across the Commonwealth.

17-20 The American Probation and Parole Association holds its annual conference in Boston. Over 2,000 criminal justice professionals from the United States and Canada are in attendance. The Boston Host Committee, comprised of members of the New England Council on Crime and Delinquency (NECCD), the Executive Office of Public Safety, and the Massachusetts Probation Service host this prestigious event. Secretary O'Toole is Chair of the Boston Host Committee, as well as President of the NECCD.

22 Secretary O'Toole is the keynote speaker at the National Association for Women Law Enforcement Executives (NAWLEE) conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts. NAWLEE provides women in law enforcement with a forum for sharing experiences, and a variety of informational and training workshops.

September

5 Governor Cellucci and Secretary O'Toole announce a new anti-truancy initiative. This initiative provides \$2.5 million to District Attorneys across the state to develop programs in collaboration with local school districts, tailoring them to address specific needs within their communities. Many programs will include additional truant officers to proactively monitor and enforce attendance, patrol during the school day, apprehend suspected truants and evaluate each truant's specific circumstances.

October

2 Governor Cellucci and Secretary O'Toole kickoff National Domestic Violence Awareness Month with a press conference on the West Lawn of the State House. 1998 is proclaimed to be Domestic Violence Awareness Year in Massachusetts. The revised *Guidelines for Law Enforcement Response to Domestic Violence* are released.

9 Secretary O'Toole and Essex County District Attorney Burke officially kickoff the Flashpoint Program at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem. \$300,000 in Federal Byrne Grant funding is awarded to this program, offering comprehensive media literacy training skills to juveniles.

15 Announcement of a new electronic system for gun tracing, and a re-engineered system for recording gun sales and storage. Massachusetts is now one of only two states with the ability to trace recovered crime guns through the ATF National Tracing Center in West Virginia.

15 The Governor's Alliance Against Drugs holds a "kickoff" celebration for the Governor's Martial Arts Youth Mentoring Program. \$60,000 was awarded to this initiative which targets students during the after-school, at-risk hours.

16 Governor Cellucci and Secretary O'Toole are joined by area police chiefs on the Cambridge Common for the awarding of \$17.6 million in Community Policing Grants to 312 local police departments for Fiscal Year 1998. This is an increase of \$5 million and 26 communities from the previous year.

18-24 Secretary O'Toole, Massachusetts VAWA Director Rai Cunningham and Quincy Police Chief Thomas Frane travel to Northern Ireland. They have been invited to speak with representatives of government, law enforcement, the Judiciary, Probation, human rights leaders, educators, advocates, and others on Massachusetts' approach to domestic violence.

November

7 Secretary O'Toole, joined by Colonel Reed Hillman, highlights the State Police D.A.R.E. program at the Annual D.A.R.E. Grant Awards Announcement. \$4.3 million in D.A.R.E. funding is awarded to 293 Massachusetts cities and towns at a ceremony at the Gateway Middle School in Huntington.

10 Governor's Task Force on Hate Crimes co-sponsors an interactive panel discussion "Combating Hate Crimes for the Year 2000" at Northeastern University to coincide with the White House Conference on Hate Crimes.

25 At the 8th Annual Firefighter of the Year Awards Ceremony, nineteen individual firefighters and three groups are recognized by the Commonwealth for their exemplary performance, heroic acts of bravery, and commitment to their jobs, fellow firefighters and communities.

December

2 The nine-member Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission is officially sworn in.

4 The Governor's Highway Safety Bureau hosts a public/private partnership forum at the Government Center Holiday Inn, highlighting the Massachusetts Network of Employers for Traffic Safety program.

5 Governor Cellucci and Secretary O'Toole announce the release of the 1996 Hate Crime in Massachusetts Annual Report. At the ceremony, Executive Order #401 is signed, formally establishing the Governor's Task Force on Hate Crimes. \$100,000 in state appropriated House I funds are requested to match the \$100,000 in federal funds allocated through the Executive Office of Public Safety in support of the Governor's Task Force on Hate Crimes Statewide Initiative.

Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety "Building Partnerships for Safer Communities"

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